

# Jamaica Pond Access Enhancements Perkins Street and Parkman Drive



**DCR Public Meeting**

**April 11, 2017, 6:00PM – 7:30PM**

**Arnold Arboretum Visitor Center/Hunnewell Building  
125 Arborway, Boston**



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

**Charles D. Baker**

Lieutenant Governor

**Karyn E. Polito**

Energy and Environmental Secretary

**Matthew A. Beaton**

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

**Leo P. Roy**



## **DCR Mission Statement**

*To protect, promote and enhance our  
common wealth of natural, cultural  
and recreational resources  
for the well-being of all.*



# City of Boston

Mayor

**Martin J. Walsh**

Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner

**Christopher Cook**

# Purpose of Meeting

- Present final design plans for improvements to intersection of Francis Parkman Drive and Perkins Street
- Show new pedestrian crossing Perkins Street near Cabot Estates
- Show improved pedestrian and bicycle access to Jamaica Pond
- Questions and conversations

# Project Goals

- Improve pedestrian accessibility to Jamaica Pond
- Enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety
- Calm traffic
- Preserve green space and reduce erosion of parkland

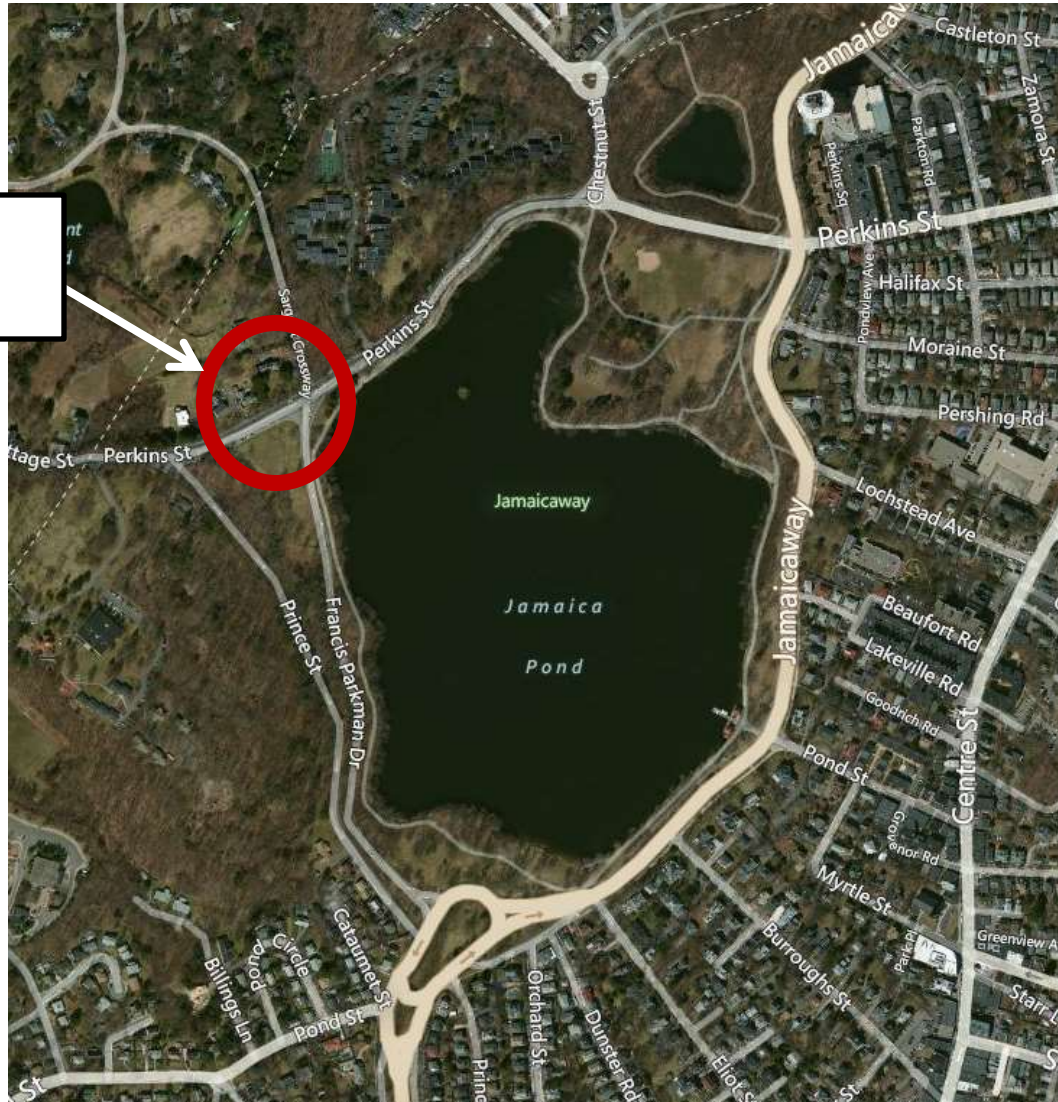
# Design Consultant

BETA Group, Inc.

- 30 years as a leading multidisciplinary firm
- Established traffic engineering expertise
- Project Manager with 40 years of experience

# Project Locus

Project  
Location

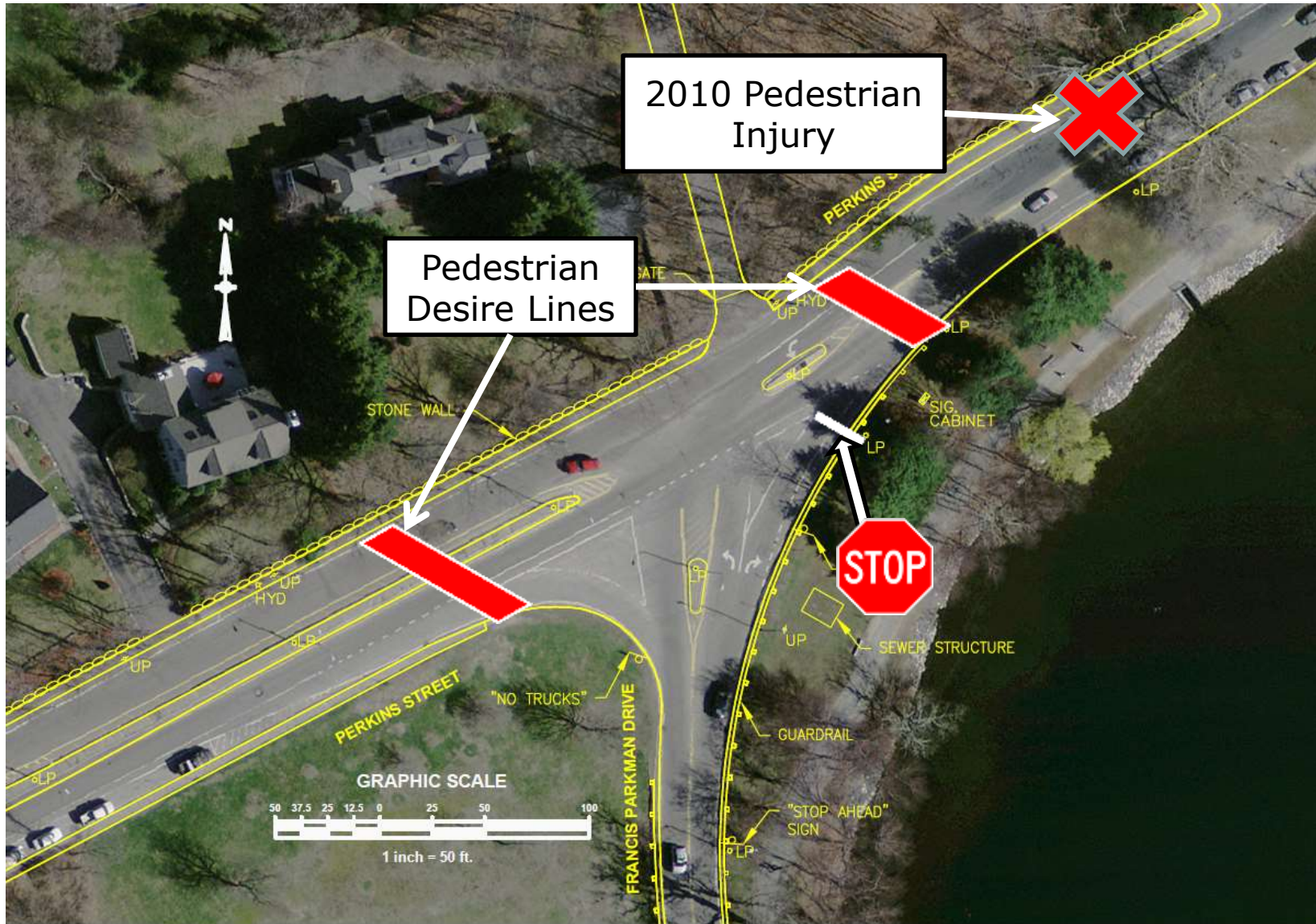


# Enhancement Goals

- Provide safe, convenient access between the north side of Perkins Street and Jamaica Pond
- Improve Parkman Drive / Perkins Street intersection



# Existing Conditions



# Design Considerations

- Optimal crossing locations
- Traffic calming
- ADA compliance
- Topography & landscape considerations
- Boston Parks and Recreation Department coordination
- Resource protection



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**PERKINS STREET AT FRANCIS PARKMAN DRIVE  
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS  
RENDERED SITE PLAN  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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# Enhancements

- Reconfigured intersection of Parkman Drive with Perkins Street
- Travel lanes narrowed on Perkins Street
- Bicycle lane striping on Perkins Street
- New traffic signals
- New accessible pathways to Jamaica Pond
- New signalized pedestrian signal and crosswalk near Cabot Estates
- Parkland reclamation
- New pathway preventing parkland erosion

# **Actions to Date**

- Four previous public meetings
- Design to improve accessibility and reduce impacts to parkland and wetland resources
- Boston Parks Commission Review

# Construction Impacts

- Traffic planning
- Temporary detours
- Work staging on roadway
- Coordinate contractor schedule to reduce rush hour traffic impacts
- Police details as needed
- Removal of five (5) trees; ten (10) new trees planted to restore landscape

# Next Steps

- Boston Landmarks Commission April 2017
- Boston Conservation Commission May 2017
- Mass. Historical Commission (30 days)
- Pre-order specialty equipment
- Construction bidding summer 2017
- Construction fall 2017
- Landscaping spring 2018

# Questions & Conversations



## Additional Information

### **For more information:**

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

### **If you have comments or suggestions on this project:**

*Submit online:*

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/>

*Write:* Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Office of Public Outreach  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114

*Deadline: Friday, April 21, 2017 (received by close-of-business)*

*Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety.*

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